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MCPON visits with local sailors

By JO3 Jason Tross,
NSAWC Public Affairs

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott made his first visit to the high desert to visit sailors last week.

More than 120 Sailors filled the auditorium at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center's headquarters building, and more than 100 more Sailors watched via closed circuit television as MCPON passed on the thanks of a

nation to them.

"I can't tell you how many places I go where someone sees my uniform and asks me to thank the troops for serving our country," said Scott.

"The biggest thing I wanted to do here was to say thanks. Sometimes the attention is on the people who are forward-deployed, and we sometimes don't give enough recognition to the people who are getting those sailors prepared. We all thank you," he said.

Being a MCPON, listening to what sailors have to say about life in the service is one of the responsibilities of the position.

"I walked into this job with a certain sense of what our Sailors are doing, what they need, and what their issues and concerns are," said Scott.

"Each comment from a sailor adds to that list of data," he added.

Some of the unique issues

at Fallon were concerns about the Leukemia cluster and other environmental factors, from which he admitted learning a lot about.

"I'm taking what I've learned back with me and letting sailors here know there really is a tremendous amount of attention and focus on those issues," he said.

One issue brought up was the desire for an objective performance review system, taking the personality, opinions, and the subjectivity out of the whole evaluation process.

"I will tell you that two and three-star admirals are working on that very same issue right now," said Scott.

"We're working hard to create a fair and balanced way of giving accurate and unbiased performance evaluations," he said.

The sailors of NSAWC and NAS Fallon weren't the only ones with questions.

Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, Scott had the opportunity to meet President George W. Bush.

"The President looked at me and said, 'MCPON, are our Sailors ready?' Guess what I told him," he asked the Sailors.

A roar of yes erupted from the crowd.

Although some questions can be answered on the spot, there are many times when questions don't have definitive answers.

"My worst fear about doing an all-hands call is knowing I won't be able to answer someone's question," said Scott.

MCPON reassured the sailors if their questions had answers they would get them.

"Maybe the command master chief can take care of the request. There are many times when even I don't have an answer and I have to take that question back with me to Washington and find an answer," he said.

Master Chief Scott also took back a sense of comfort about the men and women stationed at NAS Fallon.

"After meeting this group of sailors, I leave knowing the sailors here, just as sailors everywhere, are getting the job done."



MCPON, Terry Scott visited with local sailors recently. Here, Scott answers questions and discusses several Navy-related issues in a forum at the NSAWC building (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

SECDEF Reminds Personnel About Operational Security

By Jim Garamone,
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — When Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld started talking about the need to safeguard classified information, the studio staff flashed a World War II poster on the television.

It was a picture of a young girl holding a picture of her father. The tagline on it was, "Don't kill her Daddy with Careless Talk."

At every entrance to the Pentagon, there are similar posters. On the concourse of the building is the famous "Loose Lips may Sink Ships" poster. At another is a Sailor drowning in stormy seas. Behind him is a burning torpedoed ship. The tagline is simply, "Somebody Talked."

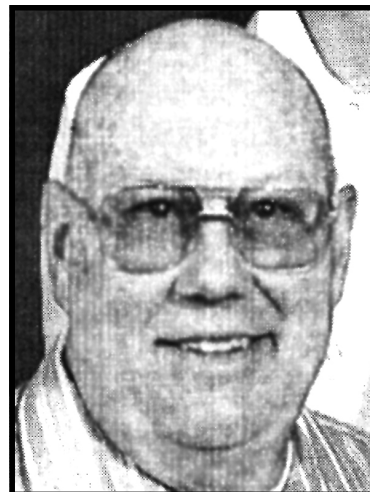
In his first press conference for Operation Iraqi Freedom March 20, Rumsfeld stressed the importance of operational security.

"It's essential that everyone with access to classified operational details exercise discipline," he said. "There is no excuse for anyone revealing sensitive information that will almost certainly put the lives of men and women in uniform at risk."

DoD officials said there have been a number of leaks to the media that may have endangered American lives. The secretary firmly believes those with access to classified information have a moral obligation to protect it.

"At a time when coalition forces are poised for battle, any compromise of classified information that gives the enemy knowledge of the positions of our forces or the plans or the timing of future operations can result in the death of coalition service men and women," he said. "Don't do it."

NAS mourns loss of Safety Officer



Family, friends and co-workers of Ronald G. Nygren, gathered at the Smith Family Funeral Home March 15 for a memorial service honoring the Naval Air Station's Safety Officer who passed away March 11. Mr. Nygren is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and two children, Shad and Karena.

Nygren, a Fallon native, was born here August 30, 1941 and pursued an education and a career in Illinois, Virginia and California before returning to his hometown in 1981 to open the Lahontan Valley Honey business. He began working at NAS Fallon in 1983 as a safety manager and held the position until his death. Nygren also was a member of the Nevada Air National Guard.

The following is excerpted from a eulogy presented by Clair Sheffield, NASF Safety Office.

"Ron's presence at Fallon touched many lives, often in unseen ways. His safety professionalism and dedication, and his concern for the safety and welfare of the navy civilian employees, the many sailors and other military persons

stationed or transiting his base, no doubt contributed significantly to their having a safe and healthful working environment.

Ron was a great man; not cool, neat, keen or super-duper in today's vernacular. But in the sense of greatness he was a visionary and saw only the future. He was a leader and led by example. He was compassionate and cared for his fellow man. He was a mentor and shared his counsel and wisdom with all who sought it. He was a teacher and shared his knowledge. He was a friend and shared his friendship.

Today Ron the man is gone; but his legacy lives on and can continue to touch each of us if we so choose.

Ron will be sorely missed, loved and remembered forever by those who knew the greatness."

Chaplain's Corner



By Father Tom Friedl

As I write this article the news media is reporting the first attacks on Iraq. Even though we know our military forces have been extensively trained and take every precaution to protect themselves, all of our stress levels elevate with the news. Some readers have loved ones and close friends stationed in that region of the world. Like you, I turn in prayer to God to protect them from harm's way.

It is interesting that some networks are including in their news broadcasts tips for families on how they can talk to children about the war in Iraq. I would like to briefly reiterate some of the things that families (and individuals) can do to alleviate the stress associated with being part of the greater military family.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES Try to keep as normal a family routine as possible. Make every effort possible to share a common meal and strive to make those intimate, supportive connections with each other. Routine helps us to cope with the uncertainty that intrudes and sometimes overwhelms us. Turn the TV off. Constant attention to the non-stop news coverage tends to increase anxiety and stress. Get out and do other activities. But most important, be willing to talk honestly to the children. FFSC has prepared some good material to help guide parents in this difficult task.

SLEEP While the stress of the day can intrude into our

sleep patterns, a full night's sleep (8 hours is still recommended!) is important for our health and the ability to deal with the stresses of our daily life. Again the routine of a set bedtime and wake-up can help. Remember, alcohol disrupts the body's rhythm of sleep.

NUTRITION When stressed many of us get the munchies. Food unconsciously helps to alleviate stress. Try to eat well-balanced meals. Avoid high-sugar, high-fat foods and caffeine. In stressful times these can keep you "wired" and contribute to the stress you may be feeling.

EXERCISE Getting out of the house and doing an activity that consumes calories is beneficial to reducing stress. **PRAYER** The spiritual dimension of our lives needs attention. Turning to God for support and guidance with a worshipping community can also alleviate the stress that builds up during the week. Worship provides the opportunity to be in a supportive environment where we turn over to God those things that weigh us down and frustrate us. Solidarity and being with other people is important, especially since stress can sometimes lead to a sense of isolation. And it is the perfect place to pray for those who serve and protect our nation.

Remember we're all in this together and we do take care of our own. Watch over your neighbor. And if it all seems so overwhelming please call on the FFSC staff or myself. Together we'll see this through. May God keep our troops and their families in his care.



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ASF meets base security demands

BY JO1 Patrick Lane

As America continues the War on Terror, law enforcement agencies across the country are discovering they could use a helping hand in order to meet the increased security requirements necessary to provide safety and security to the public.

Some state governments are scrambling to obtain the manpower needed to guard their airports, tourist sites and other public locations.

Here, at NAS Fallon, the Security Department looks to the Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) to augment their numbers to help cover day-to-day needs as well as emergency contingency operations.

According to AM2 Craig Martin, Assistant ASF Coordinator, seven percent of the command must

be allotted to the ASF from base and tenant commands. Martin further explained that nearly 80 percent of these members are volunteers. A volunteer himself, Martin joined the force to help him determine if the field of physical security might be a career path that he would like to pursue. He will soon complete his rating conversion and become a full time Master at Arms and attributes much of his success to the Security Department here. "From the Security Officer on down, this department is very big on qualifications. If you have the initiative and drive and want to learn, the opportunity is here," said Martin.

Though he currently is an Aviation Structural Mechanic and works full time as the weld shop supervisor at AIMU, he has successfully completed several qualifications in physi-

cal security including Watch Commander, Field Training Officer and Defense Tactics Instructor.

According to Ensign John Courtial, NASF Security Officer, it is imperative to provide the same opportunities to ASF members as the regular security department personnel. "There is no separation between our ASF forces and our Security Department personnel. They share a common mission," he said. Courtial explained that he needed each member to be able to fill any gap that might occur in the security force in the event of an emergency. He strives for that depth in his department by encouraging all ASF members to become qualified in every aspect of physical security.

The Security Department recently graduated an ASF Academy

class and now has 12 new members manning security position around base. According to Martin, the two-week academy is an intensive course that takes candidates through a wide array of training topics. "Weapons safety, deadly force, arrest and apprehension are just a few of the areas covered by the training," he said. Additionally candidates spend two days on the small arms range with the nine-millimeter pistol and shotgun. Here candidates are able to qualify for marksmanship ribbons.

Martin further explained that some of the qualifications available through the Security Department and ASF are certified by the state of Nevada, for those looking toward joining a civilian law enforcement agency after the military. "It's definitely a win-win proposition," he said.

To become a member of the ASF, candidates must pass a rigorous screening process and have at least 18 months remaining on their tour here. Candidates must be within all physical fitness standards and must be free of Non-judicial Punishment. After completing the two-week academy ASF members are required to stand one watch day and one training day per month.

According to Martin, the recently graduated class scored among the highest of any class thus far and are expected to excel within the department. Martin has complete confidence in the ASF to provide for the safety and security of everyone on base and regards members in high esteem. "They took up arms and are standing a post. Those are motivated individuals out there and they deserve your respect," he said.

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Bravo Zulus

JUAV's only Marine only gets better

By JO3 Morris and Lisa Nash

Master Sgt. Kim Woods, the only enlisted Marine stationed at the Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Joint Test and Evaluation (JUAV) in NAS Fallon, was recently promoted from 'below the zone' which is rare. This

"These are traits that the Marine Corps teaches all recruits, but they were much more apparent in my father." Woods added, "There's no other person I admire more."

After attending the field radio operator's course in Twenty Nine Palms, he was sent to his first duty station in Cuba with the Ground De-

work ethic when she worked at Camp Pendleton, Ca., at the same time he was stationed there. "He has a wonderful leadership ability and he was a great mentor to the junior Marines at the mess."

Woods is also a veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. During his time in the Marines he has received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, along with numerous Certificates of Commendation.

Woods followed the example of his dad, who is now self employed and a minister, first by joining the Marines and then again when he soon retires as a Master Sergeant - the same rank as his father retired.

"I plan on retiring from the Marine Corps at my 20-year-mark," Woods said. "My military career almost certainly will be concluded at NAS Fallon in 2-1/2 years."

But Woods already has plans if he extends his military career.

"If I decide to stay past 20 years, I expect to receive orders to an Imagery Interpretation Unit and coordinate the production efforts of one of the three Marine Expeditionary Forces."

fense Forces. After a year in Cuba, he was meritoriously promoted to Corporal and received orders to Yuma, Arizona, where he worked as a field radio operator with the Marine Wing Support Squadron.

Soon after, he cross-trained into the Imagery Intelligence field. He worked as an Imagery Interpreter in El Toro, Ca., Okinawa, Japan and the now-deployed I MEF out of Camp Pendleton before coming to the JUAV program in June of last year. Here he is responsible for interpreting photo imagery as it relates to target designation.

Cmdr. Steve Baxter, the deputy director of JUAV joint tested and evaluation, said Woods' role is important to JUAV as the photo interpreter on staff. "He is the only person on my staff that has the skills in his field." Baxter continued, "JUAV is an extremely important organization because we're writing tactics techniques and procedures for UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) employment and combat for the Secretary of Defense." Baxter also commended Woods on his performance and his promotion.

Lisa Nash, a contractor with JUAV, said she witnessed Woods'

Fair Winds and Following Seas...

AGCS(AW/SW) Slowden retires



AGCS (AW/SW) Lora B. Slowden accepts the flag during her recent retirement ceremony March 14(Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

AOC(AW) Thompson retires



AOC(AW) Michael Thompson is piped ashore as he retires from the Navy March 12 (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

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means he was promoted earlier than normal for his military occupational specialty.

Woods was born in Honolulu, HI on September 2, 1966. He is the fourth of nine siblings born to Janice and Charles Woods. His father retired as a Master Sergeant after 22 years.

As the son of a military father, Woods has lived in many places. Besides Hawaii, he has also lived in different areas of California and Arizona. "Although I had eight other siblings, we were always provided for, which bewilders me to this day," said Woods.

During his senior year in high school, the same recruiter that approached his brother approached him. So, he enlisted into the Marines on September 1985 and followed in his father's footsteps.

Woods is a Marine that doesn't like to boast or speak about himself, but when it came to speaking about his father, he was open.

"My father's involvement in the Marines encouraged me to be a Marine because of the character he displayed," Woods continued, "such as integrity, sense of responsibility and accountability, and excellent moral and ethical character."

Bravo Zulus (cont)



AM2 Jason Tipton is sworn back into the Navy by Cmdr Bob Boserman during Tipton's recent reenlistment ceremony (Photo by AO1 Andres Vasquez).



Brenda Eby presents Shirley Parker and Jana Rybold from NMCRS a check worth \$1,000 from the Not New Shop. The money raised from the shop will contribute to the goal of this year's NMCRS fund drive that began earlier this month and will end April 18 (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

Local sailors get blinded with science

By: JO3 Jason Tross
NSAWC Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to NAS Fallon and NSAWC, accepted the duty of judging the Churchill County Junior High School Science Fair last week.

More than 300 students in 7th and 8th grades participated in the fair to display their final product before a tough group of more than 30 Navy judges.

Churchill County Junior High School Science Director Kerri Angel extended the invitation for sailors to judge the students' projects.

"I know about the extensive technical training people in the Navy have," she said. "The Navy has a strong science background at the base, and I wanted to have that element in our judging."

She said, "Three weeks ago, I called the commanding officer of the base and of NSAWC, and I asked if

any sailors would be interested in judging our science fair. One week later, so many responses were coming back about Sailors wanting to help us."

NSAWC Flight Surgeon Lt. Andrew Lin, a chemical engineering major in college, had a particular interest in the Science Fair.

"I can remember competing in a science fair like this when I was younger," he said. "It was so important to me, and I know how important it is to these students. This is a perfect opportunity to give something back to them."

For some of those who responded, this was a rare chance to get a perspective on what the youth of the country are accomplishing.

"I'm from Pennsylvania, and I came to Fallon not too long ago," said ISSN Scott Dietrich of NSAWC's Scenario Support Division. "It's great to see what the kids in this community are doing. This gives them a chance

to see an image of the Navy and show we're real people and not unapproachable."

According to Lin, the Navy has many roles and something like this gives us a chance to show we're active in the community by helping these students achieve their goals.

"This shows the community the Navy isn't here just to fight," he added.

Students began their projects in December when they were tasked with developing a research question, said Angel. Every day in class the students worked to complete these projects, while some experiments were done at home, she added.

The judges will select the top 12 entries to move on to the regional competition in Reno later this month.



Cryptologic Technician Operator Chief Jay Kelley, of NSAWC's Intelligence Department judges a project from a student at the Churchill County Junior High School Science Fair last week (Photo by JO3 Jason Tross).

Career Counselor Corner

The new PTS program

From NC1 Alfred Jones

The Navy is changing and introducing new programs. One of the newest is the Perform To Serve program or PTS. It is another attempt by the Navy to meet its needs in an ever-changing environment. In an attempt to dispel any confusion or misunderstandings and to answer the - who, what, when, why, and how of this program, the following questions and answers are provided to help you better understand the program. For further questions contact NC1(SW) Jones, NASF Command Career Counselor at 2720.

Q1. What is PTS?
A1. PTS is a centralized reservation system that requires all first term Sailors to receive authorization from the Navy Personnel Command before they reenlist. Initial implementation will focus on CREO 3 ratings. The first and most important step in the process is a retention recommendation from the Sailor's commanding officer. By centralizing reenlistment authority, Navy leadership will have the ability to shape the force by increasing the number of Sailors in undermanned ratings and reducing the number of Sailors in over

manned ratings. Sailors will be the primary beneficiaries of this new system in that they will have improved advancement opportunity. The Navy will also benefit from improved manning and combat readiness capability.
Q2. Why is PTS being implemented?
A2. Due to the improved retention and reduced attrition seen within the Navy, we are now at the proper end-strength and in a position where we can align the Force to achieve the right mix of Sailors in the Fleet.
Q3. What is the goal of PTS?
A3. The goal of PTS is to properly shape the manpower skills mix to support the Navy's Combat Readiness, while providing career opportunities to proven top performers.
Q4. Who will be required to submit PTS requests?
A4. Commands will submit all first-term Sailors who are recommended for retention by the Commanding Officer. Beginning in the spring of 2003, implementation will be phased in beginning with CREO Group 3 ratings and expanded to all First Term personnel regardless of rating or CREO Group.
Q5. Why are all First Term Sailors required to submit PTS Applications when some Sailors have no desire to reenlist?
A5. CNO desires that all Sailors be empowered with the information needed to make informed career decisions. By

having all reenlistment eligible Sailors submit requests (regardless of their initial reenlistment intentions), they will be able to see up front where the Navy needs them most. The earlier a Sailor knows what his/her career options are, the better it is for the Sailor and his/her family when it comes time to decide on their careers.
Q6. Who submits the actual PTS application(s) for sailors?
A6. The CO/XO/OIC are authorized to submit applications. The CO can designate other command representatives to submit applications via the PTS program. Once the CO logs onto the PTS program a menu tab will be available to designate alternate command representatives.

(Watch for more info on PTS soon)

Navy College Helps Sailors Achieve Goals

By JO2 Elizabeth St. John, Naval District Washington Public Affairs

WASHINGTON—Imagine yourself in the following scenario. You take a trip to your local convenience store and decide to buy a lottery ticket. That evening, you watch as the numbers are called on the television. You have a winning ticket. Time goes by, and somehow you just never get around to collecting your money. Sounds absurd, right?

Well, not using your Navy Tuition Assistance (TA) is equally absurd. It's just like throwing good money away. "Tuition Assistance is a gift.

It's money lying on the table. It will still be lying on the table when you walk away," said Navy District Washington (NDW) Navy College Director Marty Knight.

She emphasized that TA is available and waiting for Sailors, and if they don't use it, it's wasted, and no one else can use it.

TA currently pays up to \$250 per semester hour, with a maximum of 12 semester credit hours per year (\$3,000 per fiscal year).

Tuition assistance covers 18 quarter hours at \$166.67 per quarter hour. It covers 180 clock hours at \$16.66 per clock hour. TA will also pay lab fees, distance

learning fees, student activity fees and graduation fees. The only expense not covered by TA is the cost of books.

All Sailors interested in using TA are required to attend a TA briefing. Navy College counselors are trained to sit down with Sailors and go over all options available to them. They help Sailors map out a plan for their academic future. The counselors at Navy College stressed how extremely important it is for Sailors to go to Navy College first, before they do anything.

"Shop around. There are a lot of programs out there that aren't advertised," said Education

Advisor Robert Henry. His advice to anyone thinking of going to college is straightforward and simple. "Don't be afraid to ask for help!"

Knight also emphasized that many people say "I'll think about it tomorrow" regarding college. But she said that those tomorrows quickly turn into yesterdays. Don't wait for another "tomorrow." Decide to take your future

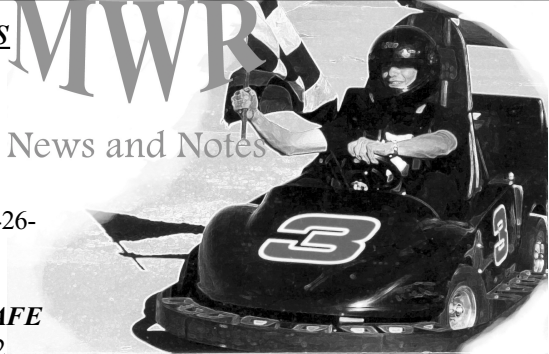
in your own hands today by visiting the Navy College office.

For more information about Navy College and the many ways it can help you achieve your goals, visit www.navycollege.navy.mil. For related news, visit the Naval District Washington Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/ndw.

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Throughout the month of April, U.S. military bases at home and abroad will coordinate a variety of events to honor a very special group of young people - our military children.

There are more than 1 million of them, scattered around the globe. They move from place to place, say goodbye often, but they never stray far from our hearts. They face special challenges, moving every few years and making new friends. But it's these challenges that make them special. They experience different cultures and understand diversity better than most. It's part of their education, and they benefit from it.

The Fleet & Family Support Center will be providing parenting classes in conjunction with the Child Development Center's and the Youth Center's Annual Month of the Military Child. Classes will be given on April 15 and 16, 2003. Please watch the POD, Flyers, and Email for announcements of the exact times and places. If you would like more information regarding these special activities, please contact Janie Allen, Fleet and Family Service Center Counselor at 426-3345.

Our future heroes are today's children. Join our celebration of these special kids in April, the Month of the Military Child.

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You've answered your call to America. Are you willing to go another step further and answer the call of help from some the students at Lahontan Elementary School?

Students need a little extra help with their school work at times. If you can spare any amount of time during the week to help a student reach their full potention, please call Cynthia Olivo, Tutor Coordinator at 423-1999.

Task Force Uniform (TFU) to Make Changes to The Navy "Seabag"

By JO2 (SW) Hendrick L. Dickson, Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS)—Task Force Uniform (TFU) met in Washington March 18 to begin laying the groundwork for an assesement of Navy uniforms and to discuss options for implementing a more professional, sensible, cost-effective set of uniforms for the fleet.

The TFU initiative began after Sailors in the fleet expressed concerns about the current status of Navy uniforms. Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark determined there should be an evaluation of the uniform requirments. He tasked Master Chief of the Navy (SW/AW) Terry Scott to review the Navy's "seabag" to help meet the needs of tommorrow's Sailors.

"The rapidly changing Navy of the 21st century dictates our Sailors have uniforms that are going to provide the versatility, the durability and even the interchangeability they need," said Scott.

"We need to make sure we are addressing those concerns. Our Sailors are going to be prepared for whatever lies ahead for the future."

For the next five months, repre-

sentatives from various communities in the Navy, surface forces, naval air forces, submarines, Seabees and others, will be addressing those concerns, and other issues regarding the current status the seabag and uniform regulations. The assesement is expected to end Sept. 30 with a report to be presented to the CNO in October.

The TFU's goal is to evaluate the usefulness of each item against specific factors with an eye towards minimizing the number of uniform items required, and "keep what makes sense."

Some of the issues that will be addressed: developing a working uniform that can be used at sea or ashore and across all communities; establishing a service uniform for E-1 through E-6 that can be worn year-round; streamlining the Navy Uniform Regu-

Desert Moon Theater

Friday, March 21	6:30pm 9pm	The Recruit (PG13) Narc (R)
Saturday, March 22	6:30pm 9pm	Biker Boyz (PG13) Final Destination2 (PG13)
Sunday, March 23	2pm 5pm 7:30pm	Kangaroo Jack (PG13) Darkness Falls (PG13) The Recruit (PG13)
Monday, March 24	6:30pm	About Schmidt (R)
Tuesday, March 25	6:30pm	Biker Boyz (PG13)
Wednesday, March 26	6:30pm	Darkness Falls (PG13)
Thursday, March 27	6:30pm	Final Destination2 (PG13)
Friday, March 28	6:30pm 9pm	National Security (PG13) How to lose a guy (PG13)
Saturday, March 29	6:30pm 9pm	The Recruit (PG13) Shanghai Knights (PG13)
Sunday, March 30	2pm 5pm 7:30pm	National Security (PG13) Darkness Falls (PG13) How to lose a guy (PG13)

Movie dates and times after March 30 can be found by calling the Theater for up-to-date times at 426-2552

lations to make it more user-friendly and easy to read; and designing or redesigning uniforms to accomodate various body shapes and sizes.

Although several changes may be made upon the completion of the assessment, the more than 200-year history of the U.S. Navy will not be affected. Tradition, historical acceptance and longevity are factors TFU will consider before making a final decisions about any uniform.

"We are going to have a strong sense of tradition," said Scott. "We want to make sure our Sailors still feel like Sailors. I feel that is really important."

Sailors should not expect a drastic make-over in Navy fashion anytime soon, but what they can expect is a change that to be more convenient to them whether they are ashore or at sea.

"We are going to be taking a look and ensuring we have a set of uniform regulations that are easily understandable, enforcable and realistic to our Sailors," said Scott. "We don't want a complete make-over of uniform regulations. We want to make sense. If it doesn't make sense anymore, let's stop doing it. If it does make sense and should be in the regulations, let's address it and make sure it's there."

Base Recycling Note

NAS Fallon Recycling will now be accepting all sizes and types of used copier/printer/fax machine toner cartridges. They need to be kept separate from other recyclables. Just put the old cartridge in the box the new one came out of and put it at the collection center for your building. They will be picked up when we collect your other recyclables.

President authorizes two new medals

WASHINGTON (NNS)—A presidential executive order signed March 12 authorizes the Department of Defense to create two new military medals for service in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

The GWOT Expeditionary Medal will recognize servicemembers who participate in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The GWOT Service Medal will recognize service in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those servicemembers who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the GWOT Expeditionary Medal.

The medals were recommended by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld "in response to our nation's global efforts to suppress terrorism, and the significant contributions members of the Armed Forces bring to bear on the long-term resolution of this threat."

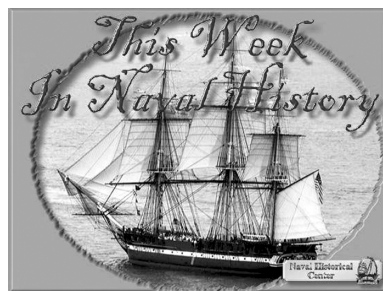
Specific eligibility for these medals will be established by DoD award policy. The combatant commander has the authority to award the medals for approved operations to units and personnel deployed within his or her theater. Each service department will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing of the medals.

Members of the U.S. armed forces and Coast Guard are eligible for the medals to include Reserve and National Guard activated to support approved operations. Civilians, foreign nationals and foreign military are not eligible.

It will take up to 12 months to produce and stock the medal in department supply systems.

Future authorization for these medals will be considered and approved by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the war on terrorism expands.

For more information on the GWOT Medals, visit www.defenselink.mil



March 21

1917 - Loretta Walsh becomes first woman Navy petty officer when sworn in as Chief Yeoman.

1919 - Navy installs and tests Sperry gyrocompass, in first instance of test of aircraft gyrocompass

1945 - Bureau of Aeronautics initiates rocket-powered surface-to-air guided missile development by awarding contract to Fairchild

March 22

1820 - Commodore Stephen Decatur dies after duel with Capt. James Barron

1915 - "Naval Aviator" replaces former "Navy Air Pilot" for officers qualified as aviators

1929 - Navy ships protect Americans and their property during Mexican revolution

1946 - USS *Missouri* departs U.S. to return body of deceased Turkish

ambassador to the U.S. back to Turkey for burial. *Missouri* arrived in Istanbul on 5 April.

March 23

1815 - USS *Hornet* captures HMS *Penguin* in battle lasting 22 minutes

1882 - SECNAV Hunt issues General Order No. 292 creating Office of Naval Intelligence.

1917 - Launching of USS *New Mexico*, first dreadnought with turboelectric drive

1945 - Carriers begin pre-assault strikes on Okinawa, kamikaze attacks follow

1958 - First launching of simulated Polaris missile from submerged tactical launcher facility off CA.

1965 - LCDR John W. Young, USN, Pilot of Gemini 3 completed 3 orbits in 4 hours., 53 minutes at an altitude of 224 km. Recovery was by helicopters from USS *Intrepid* (CVS-11).

March 24

1903 - George Dewey commissioned Admiral of the Navy with the date of rank, 2 March 1899. He was the only person to hold this rank.

March 25

1813 - USS *Essex* takes *Neryeda*, first capture by U.S. Navy in Pacific

1898 - Assist. SECNAV Theodore Roosevelt proposes Navy investi-

gate military application of Samuel Langley's flying machine, beginning naval aviation

March 26

1942 - ADM King becomes both Chief of Naval Operations and Commander, U.S. Fleet

1943 - Battle of Komandorski Islands, prevents Japanese reinforcements from reaching Attu

1966 - Operation Jackstay in Navy's first amphibious assault in Vietnam's inland waters

1968 - Operation Bold Dragon III began in Mekong Delta

March 27

1794 - Congress authorizes construction of 6 frigates, including *Constitution*

1799 - USS *Constitution* recaptures American sloop *Neutrality* from France

1880 - USS *Constellation* departs New York with food for famine victims in Ireland

March 28

1800 - *Essex* becomes first U.S. Navy vessel to pass Cape of Good Hope

1814 - HMS *Phoebe* and *Cherub* capture USS *Essex* off Valparaiso, Chile. Before capture, *Essex* had captured 24 British prizes during the War of 1812.

The Desert Classifieds

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--If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

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For sale: '86 Mercury Cougar; automatic; runs well but needs some work; \$650 obo; call Shaun at 428-6645

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Truck: 1997 Dodge Ram 1500, extended cab, 4x4, 5.9L V-8, automatic transmission, power everything, 3.5 inch lift with off-road tires, sprayed in bed liner, asking \$16,500.00 or best offer (O.B.O.) Contact Dustin Wiggins anytime. Work (775) 426-2319 or Home (775) 428-1122.

--1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee 5.9 Ltd 4x4, AT, CD, Leather, Silver Metallic, A/C, PW, PD/L, Onboard Computer, Nice Condition, 93k miles, \$14,500 OBO. Call Steve (775) 745-0837.--1989 Olds Cutlass Sierra, V6, 4DR, AT, Blue, Cassette, Runs Well, 190k miles, \$1000 OBO, call Steve (775) 745-0837.

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--1986 Mercury Cougar. Call 428-6645 Lowrider Bicycle Parts: 2 frames 1 gold, 1 red, tires, fenders handlebars, All for \$200 or best offer. Call Ruben at 775 428-1501.

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